

The reply filed on 12/5/08 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The 35 USC 112 first paragraph rejection of 7/12/08 set forth a plurality of questions to applicant as to how various features of the device operate. Applicant in the 12/5/08 response did not answer any of these questions. Amending the claim does not answer these individual questions because the first paragraph deals with the disclosure and not the claim language itself. Applicant is required to answer each and every question in the 35USC112 first paragraph rejection that the examiner has asked. It appears that seven questions ending in a question mark were made by the examiner. Accordingly, seven answers are expected to be fully responsive to the rejection. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert C. Watson whose telephone number is 571 272-4498. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. - Thurs. , 5:30am - 4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph J. Hail III can be reached on 571 272-4485. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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